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# Sen. Dorman's slain daughter is bid farewell

## Mourners decry domestic violence after boyfriend is charged

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At an emotional ceremony yesterday, dozens of Maryland officials and hundreds of other mourners gathered to lay to rest the slain daughter of state Sen. Arthur Dorman.

The services for Barbara Susan Dorman, a 36-year-old North Laurel resident who was stabbed to death Monday in her boyfriend's home, were closed to news media. People who attended expressed sympathy for the Dormans and concern about the slaying's link to domestic violence.

"This is such a tragedy. Senseless is what it is," Gov. Parris N. Glendening said after the service at Beth Torah Synagogue in Hyattsville. "The whole state of Maryland wishes them well."

Ms. Dorman's boyfriend, Gary Charles Moncarz, 41, of the 9500 block of Canterbury Riding in North Laurel is being held without bond at the Howard County Detention Center. Mr. Moncarz is charged with first-degree murder, assault with intent to murder, assault and battery.

He told police that he killed his girlfriend, according to charging documents.

Barbara Dorman was one of Arthur and Betty Dorman's four children. During the service, two of her siblings spoke of her as a woman who had fought difficult odds, a spokeswoman said.

"They talked about a young woman who had some ups and downs in her life but who worked to maintain a positive outlook," said Jeannette Duerr, a longtime family friend serving as a family spokeswoman. "She was a wonderful young woman and a devoted mother."

Ms. Dorman was an office manager of a mental health management group in Odenton called Care Connection Inc.

"She was very caring and conscientious," her boss, Howard Eisenberg, said. "The shock has not worn off for us. It's going to take a while to get over it."

He said she never discussed Mr. Moncarz. She decorated her desk only with pictures of her father and her young son, Benjamin. Ms. Dorman and her son's father, Lee Bruce Moss of Beltsville, divorced 1½ years ago.

Outside the synagogue — where more than a dozen police and security officers stood by — state officials said that more needs to be done to stop domestic violence.

A senator's daughter is slain in her boyfriend's home "and we're arguing over a domestic violence bill," one woman told Mr. Glendening.

Del. John S. Morgan, who represents the North Laurel area, said the slaying "really shows the problems of domestic violence."

He was among three busloads of Annapolis legislators who attended the services.

For the next week, the Dorman family will follow the Jewish tradition of shiva, a formal mourning period of seven days. The family declined to comment yesterday, but issued a written statement:

"The Dorman family is touched by the expressions of sympathy and deeply grateful for the many acts of loving kindness that have been extended to us by so many people in the community. We trust that these good people will now honor our wish for privacy as we turn to comfort one another and move through the mourning period that is a part of our faith."

Sun staff writer Ed Heard contributed to this article.